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Supplemental
Declaration

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Title : METHOD FOR DISPLAY TIME STAMPING AND
SYNCHRONIZATION OF MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES**SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION AND POWER
OF ATTORNEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.63 AND 37 C.F.R. §1.175**Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The below-named inventors hereby declare as follows:

1. This declaration is supplemental to the Reissue Declaration filed on May 2, 2001, the contents of which are expressly incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.
2. We believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,075,576, granted on June 13, 2000, based upon U.S. Patent Application No. 09/011,761, filed on July 3, 1997, and of the subject matter being claimed in the present application for reissue patent which is being filed concurrently herewith.
3. Our post office addresses and citizenship are as stated beneath each respective

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name hereinbelow.

4. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in this reissue application.

5. We do not know and do not believe that the invention claimed in this application was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof.

6. We believe U.S. Letters Patent 6,075,576 to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid by reason of errors in the original claims, at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue having been specified pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.175 in the Reissue Declaration filed on May 2, 2001, the contents thereof being incorporated herein in its entirety (37 C.F.R. §1.175(a)(1)).

7. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of each declaration arose without any deceptive intention on our part (37 C.F.R. §1.175(a)(2)).

8. For each error corrected that has not been covered by the Reissue Declaration filed on May 2, 2001, every such error arose without any deceptive intention on our part (37 C.F.R. §1.175(b)).

9. On September 10, 2001, we submitted a Preliminary Amendment that amended claim 9 (which was submitted upon the filing of the reissue application), to indicate that the decoded modulo time base data and a value of the decoded time base increment are combined with the decoded time code when the video object plane is a first plane in a display order after the group of picture header, while the decoded modulo time base and a value of the decoded time base increment are combined with the reference time base obtained by the

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decoded modulo time base data of a preceding video object plane when the video object plane is a plane subsequent to the first plane.

10. We also submitted, in the above-mentioned Preliminary Amendment, new claim 10 that specifies the manner in which the reference time base is incremented, and that the time code is an initial value of the reference time base, and new claim 11 that specifies the relationship of the decoded modulo time base data.

11. Applicants note that a Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is being submitted along with the filing of the present Supplemental Reissue Declaration, in which claims 9-11 (which were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable), are amended to improve their clarity and to correct a minor inaccuracy.

Specifically, claim 9 is amended to revise the phrase "modulo time base data" to --- modulo time base---. The phrase "a value of the decoded time base increment" is revised to ---decoded time base increment--- in order to conform to the claim language used earlier in claim 9. The term "obtained" in the last paragraph of claim 9 is changed to the more accurate term ---marked---. In addition, the preamble is amended to clarify a minor error therein with respect to defining the time base increment.

In view of the revisions made to claim 9, Applicants also amend claims 10 and 11 to ensure that the language employed therein is consistent with the language employed in amended claim 9.

12. Having once stated an error upon which this reissue is based, this subsequent declaration need not specifically identify any other error or errors being corrected (37 C.F.R.

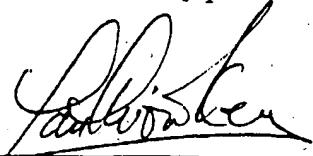
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§1.175(c)).

13. The present divisional application is related to Application No. 09/736,441 filed on December 15, 2000, which related to Divisional Application No. 09/736,300 filed on December 15, 2000, which is related to Divisional Application No. 09/736,442 filed on December 15, 2000, all of which are reissue applications of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,576.

We therefore pray that a reissue of U.S. Letters Patent 6,075,576 be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the present application.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own respective knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that willful or false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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